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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/12/07

SPONSOR Robinson LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Create UNM Art, Research, Tech & Science Lab SB 387

ANALYST Moser

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$500.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Nm Department of Higher Education (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 387 appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico (UNM) for expenditure in FY08 for the creation of the art, research, technology, and science laboratory special project.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$500,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HED advises that the UNM Associate Vice President of Government and Community stated that the Art, Research, Technology, and Science Laboratory (ARTS Lab) is already established, but that this funding would be used for hiring personnel.

According to UNM's Legislative Priorities, the need for \$4,755,900 for the Film and Digital Media program includes funding for Personnel (recurring) in the amount of \$607,200 and for Expenses (non-recurring) in the amount of \$4,148,700. This priority Builds on the Arts Research Technology and Science Laboratory (ARTS Lab), established at UNM, with a three million dollar grant under Governor Richardson's Media Industries Strategic Plan (MISP) as a multidisciplinary media research and teaching education center. The mission is to be the key educational, research, and economic development center for New Mexico's Media Industries Strategic Plan."

This request was not submitted by UNM to HED for review and is not included in the department's funding recommendation for FY08.

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